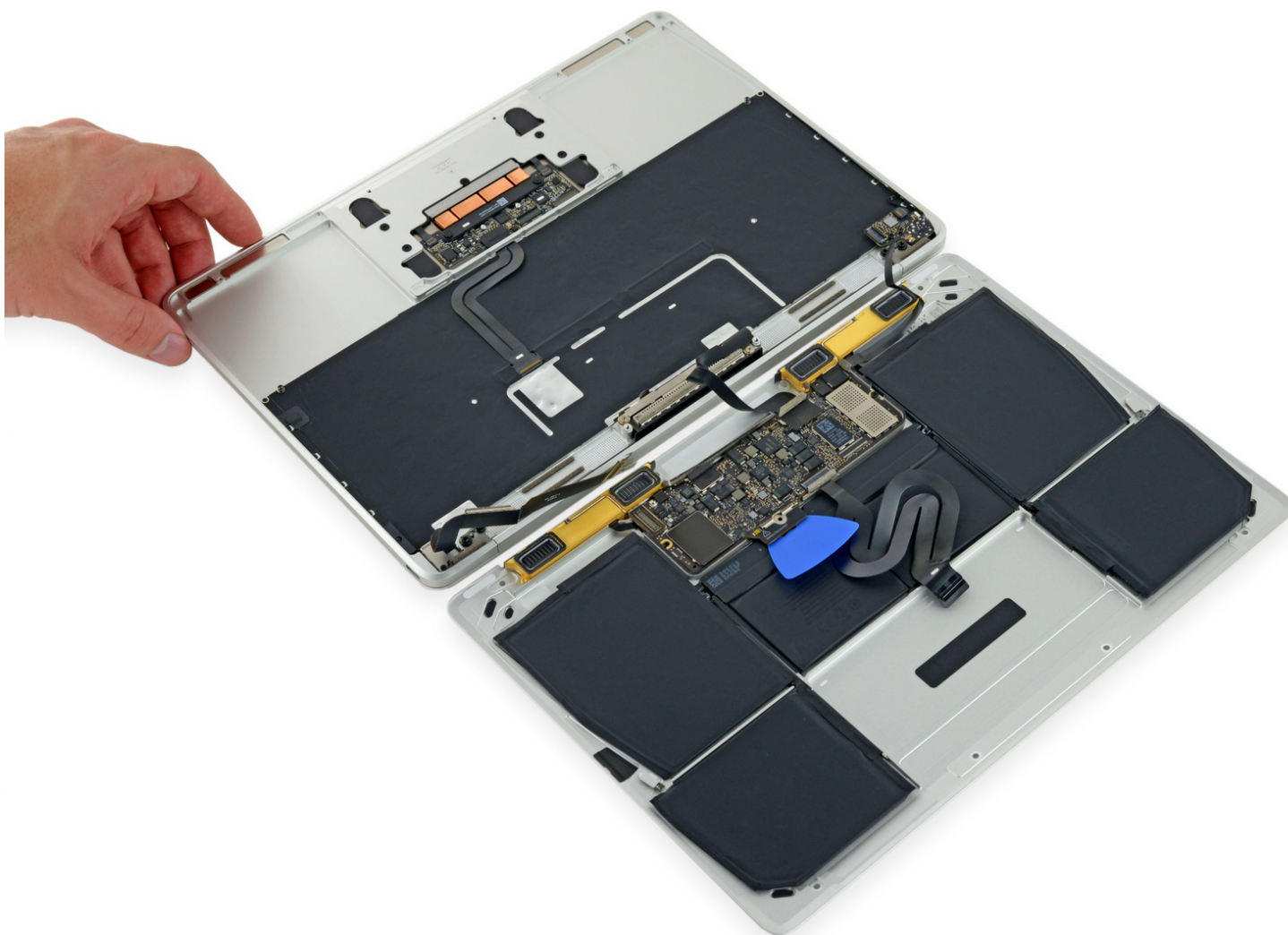




Retina MacBook 2015 Opening Lower Case Assembly

Prerequisite only.

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INTRODUCTION

Prereq-only guide for opening the MacBook without fully disconnecting the lower case.




TOOLS:

- [P5 Pentalobe Screwdriver Retina MacBook Pro and Air](#) (1)
 - [Spudger](#) (1)
 - [Tweezers](#) (1)
 - [iPad Battery Isolation Pick](#) (1)
 - [T5 Torx Screwdriver](#) (1)
 - [Tri-point Y00 Screwdriver](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Lower Case Assembly



 Before proceeding, power down your MacBook. Close the display and lay it on a soft surface, top-side down.

- Remove the following eight screws securing the lower case:
 - Two 1.8 mm P5 Pentalobe screws
 - Four 2.9 mm P5 Pentalobe screws
 - Two 6.1 mm P5 Pentalobe screws

Step 2



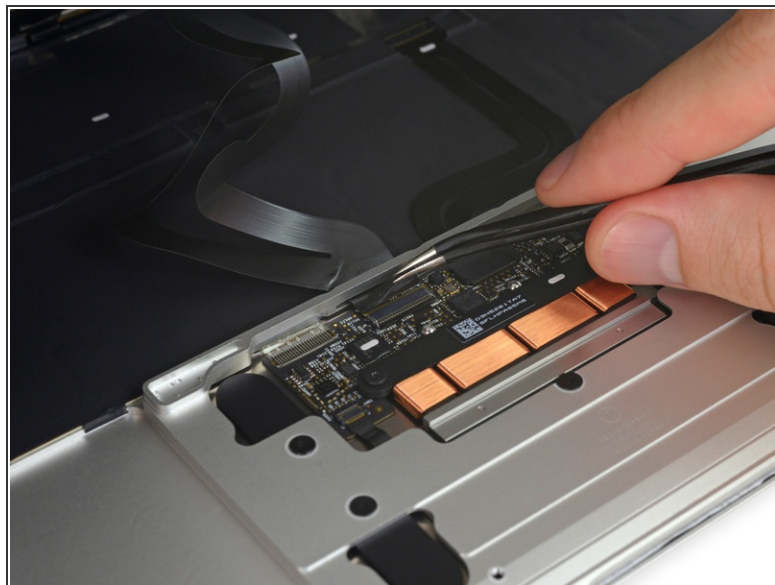
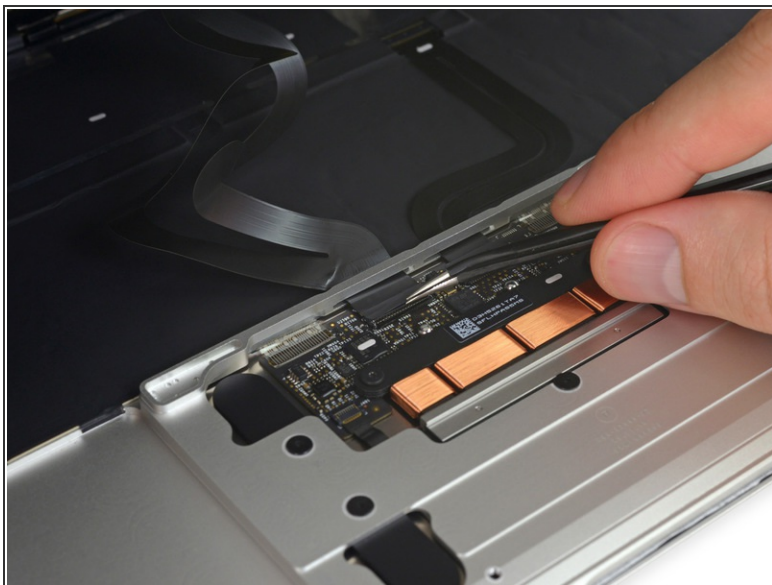
- Wedge your fingers between the upper case and the lower case, starting from the rear of the MacBook between the hinges.
- ⚠ Lift the lower case only slightly to avoid damaging the cables that connect the lower case to the upper case.
- Keeping a firm grip, lift steadily until the lower case separates slightly from the upper case.
- ⓘ You may experience a lot of resistance when lifting the lower case. If necessary, slide a plastic opening tool down the side edges of the lower case to pop the two hidden retaining clips free.

Step 3



- Rotate the MacBook 180° and gently flip open the lower case from the front.
 - Open the lower case to an angle of about 45°.
- ⚠ Take care not to damage the ribbon cables that still attach the lower case to the MacBook.

Step 4



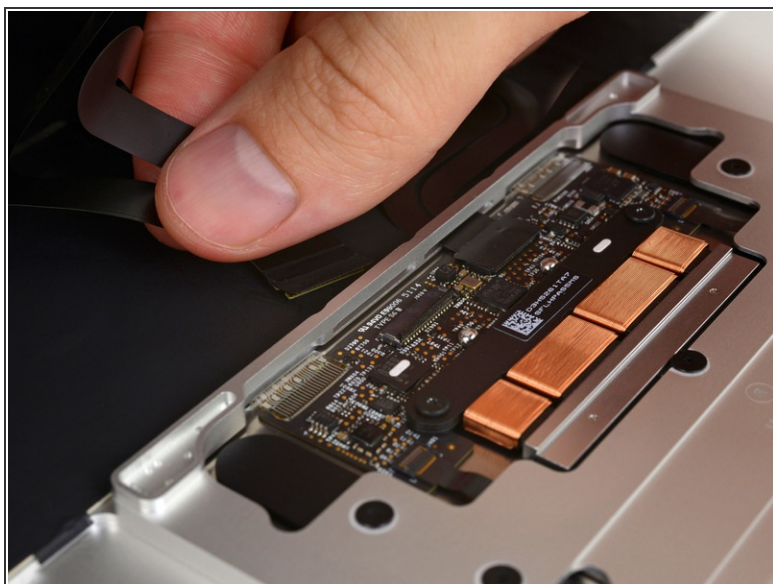
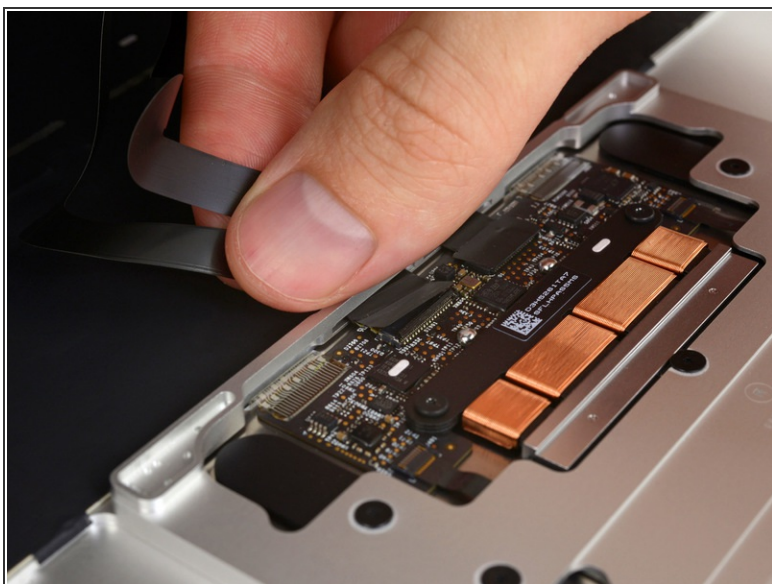
- Use tweezers to peel back the tape covering the trackpad cable ZIF connector.

Step 5



- Use a spudger to carefully flip up the retaining flap on the trackpad cable ZIF connector.

Step 6



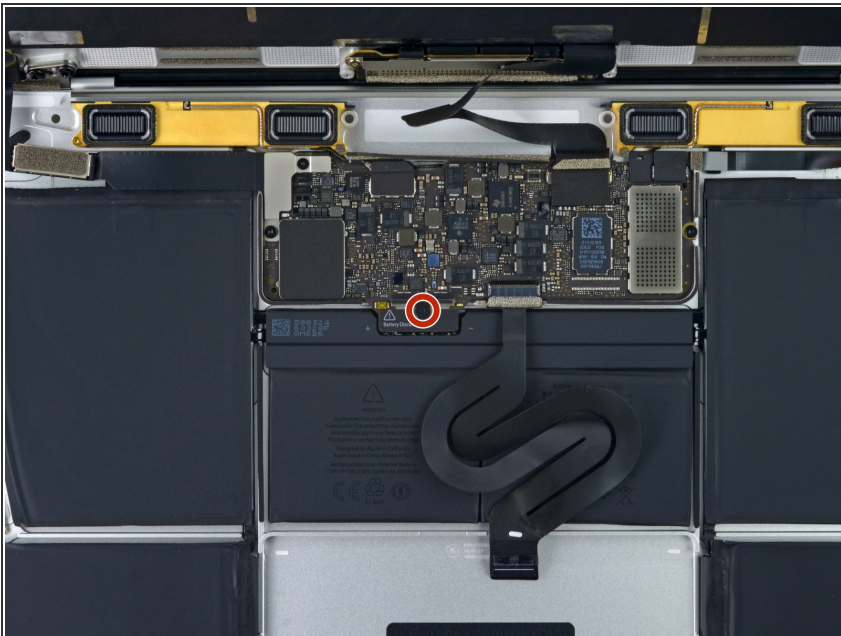
- Disconnect the trackpad ribbon cable from the trackpad by pulling it gently through its slot in the frame.

Step 7



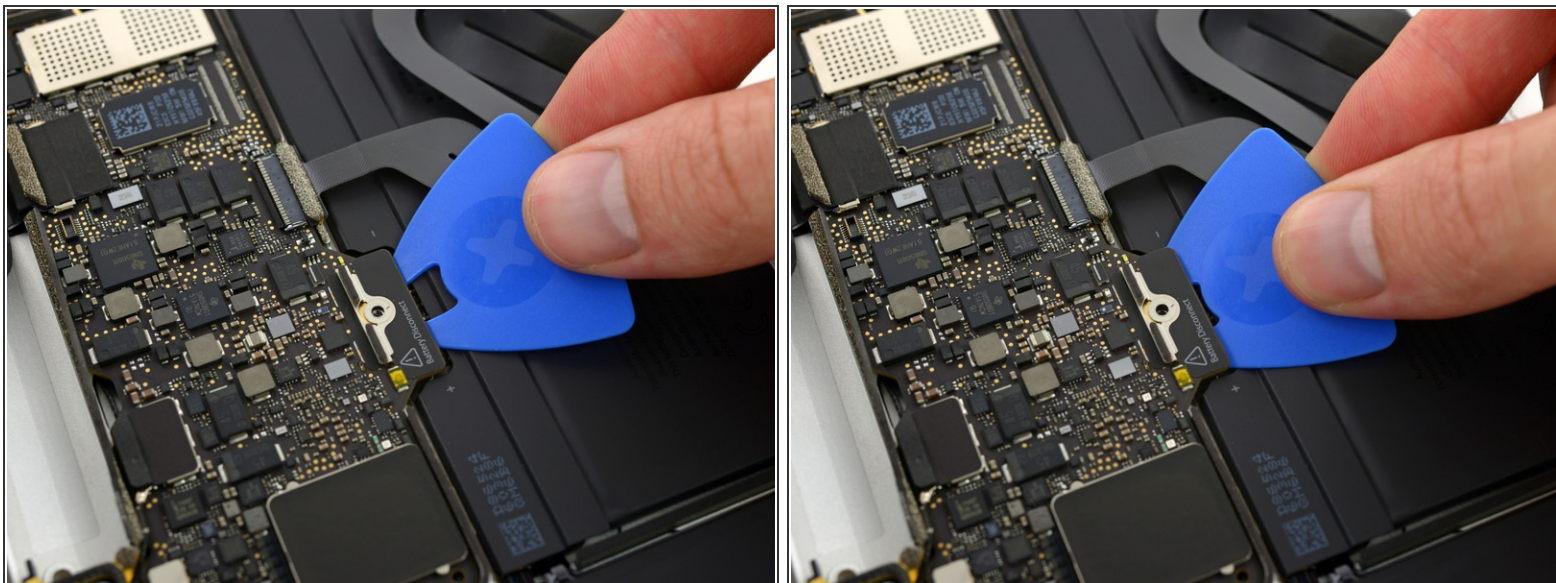
- Carefully turn the MacBook over, so that the lower case lays flat.
- Raise the upper case/display assembly to about a 90-100° angle, or use something to prop it up so you don't have to hold it.
- ❗ It's possible to open the MacBook all the way and lay both sides down flat, but this may put undue strain on the remaining connecting cables.

Step 8



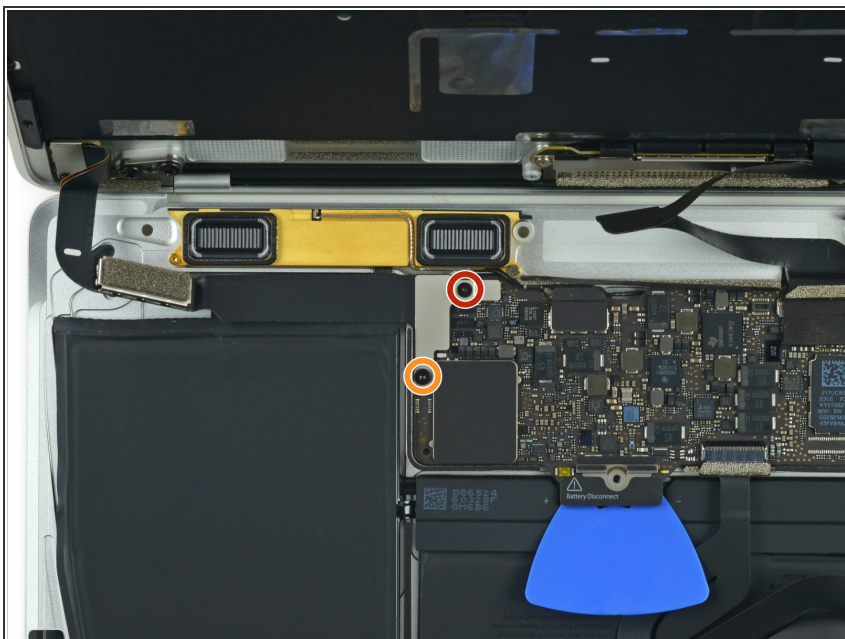
- Remove the single 2.9 mm T5 Torx screw securing the battery connector to the logic board.

Step 9



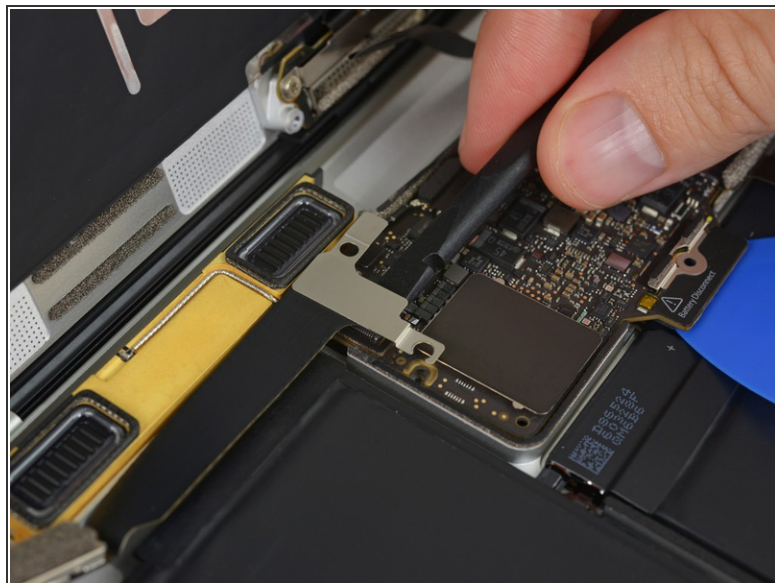
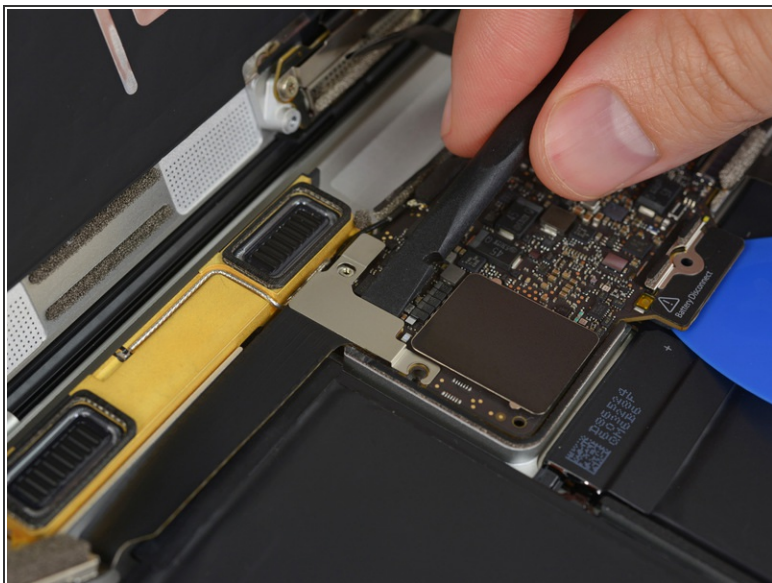
- Disconnect the battery by inserting a [battery isolation pick](#) between the logic board and the battery connector.

Step 10



- Remove the two screws securing the USB-C port cable bracket:
 - 1.1 mm Tri-point Y00 screw
 - 3.5 mm T5 Torx screw

Step 11



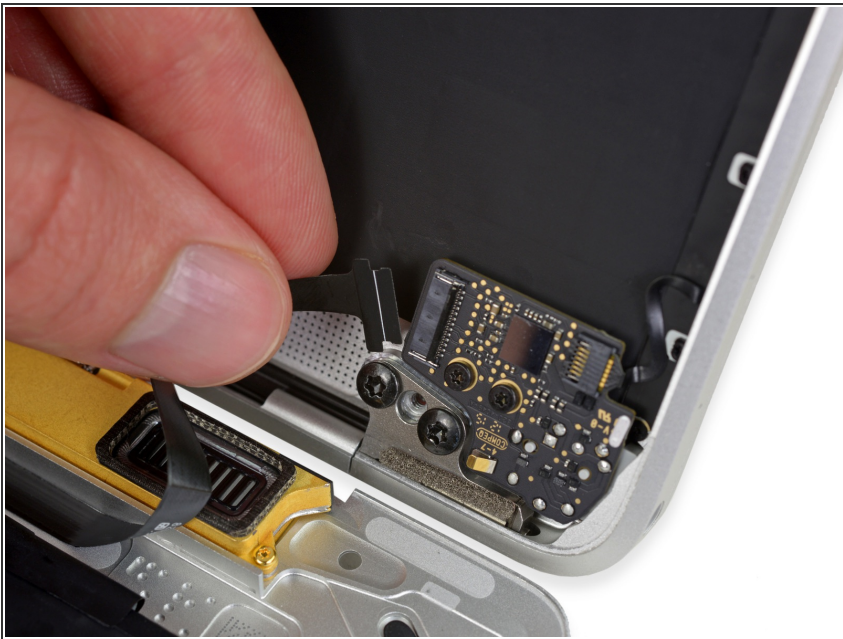
- Use the flat end of a spudger to disconnect the USB-C port cable bracket by prying it straight up from the logic board.

Step 12



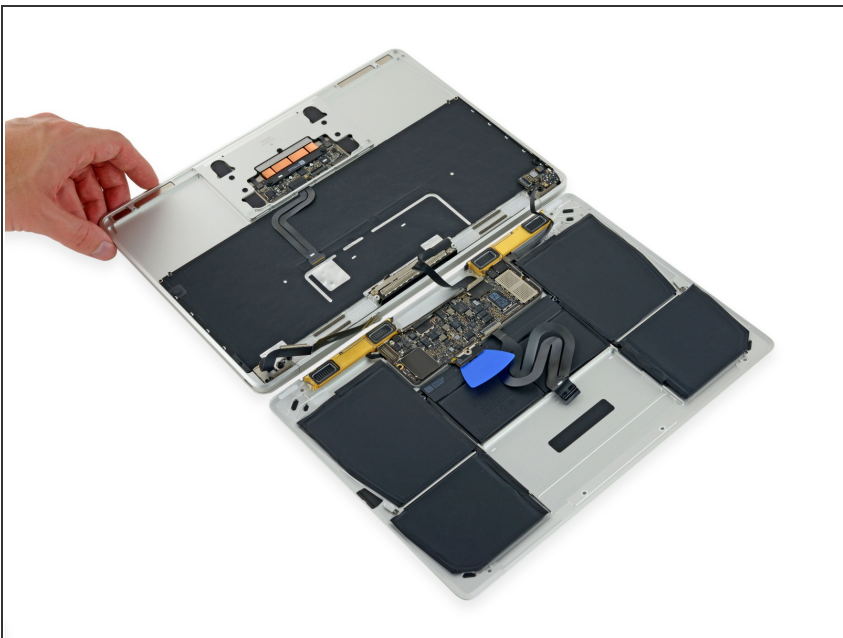
- Use a spudger to flip open the retaining flap on the audio jack board cable ZIF connector.

Step 13



- Disconnect the audio jack board ribbon cable by pulling it straight back out of the ZIF connector.

Step 14



- Open the MacBook the rest of the way and lay the two halves down flat, being careful of the ribbon cables that still connect them.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.

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